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1. RATON MICKEY AND PATO DONALD NEARLY CAME A CROPPER IN CARACAS AS THE DISNEY ON PARADE ORGANIZATION NARROWLY MISSED HAVING ITS SHOW CANCELLED BY LABOR DISPUTES. PARALLEL UNIONS, MULTIPLE UNIONS AND THE MONTH OF JUNE WHICH HAS BEEN DECLARED "THE MONTH OF THE VENEZUELAN ARTIST" COMBINED TO LEAD THE PRODUCERS OF THE HUGE DISNEY SHOW INTO AN INITIAL AGREEMENT WITH SOME SMALL INDEPENDENT UNIONS AND DIRECT CONFLICT WITH THE POWERFUL RADIO AND T.V. UNION WHICH DOMINATES THE FIELD. THE SCENE WAS FURTHER COMPLICATED BY THE MILITANCY OF THE ACCION DEMOCRATICA (THE GOVERNING PARTY IN VENEZUELA) UNION LEADERSHIP WHICH IS TRYING TO PROVE THAT IT CAN TAKE JUST AS HARD A LINE WITH THE "FOREIGN EXPLOITERS" AS THE COMMUNISTS WHO RULED THE UNION FOR MANY YEARS.

2. FORTUNATELY FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY A GOOD SHOW, AFTER A SERIES OF ANGRY NEWSPAPER EXCHANGES, COOLER HEADS PREVAILED. THE DISNEY ON PARADE SHOW COMMENCED ITS PERFORMANCES ON MAY 19 AND HAS ENJOYED A GREAT SUCCESS. THE DISNEY ORGANIZATION HAS AGREED TO PUT ON TWO SHOWS LATE IN JUNE AS A "SALUTE TO VENEZUELAN WORKERS" AND TO SPLIT THE PROCEEDS WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT UNIONS. THE UNIONS IN TURN HAVE WAIVED THE PROVISIONS OF "THE MONTH OF THE VENEZUELAN ARTIST" AND HAVE ALLOWED THE SHOW TO GO ON.

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3. COMMENT: PROBLEMS WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT UNIONS ARE NOT LIMITED TO US. PRODUCTIONS. THE SPANISH POPULAR SINGER JULIO IGLESIAS RECENTLY HAD TO RESCHEDULE HIS CARACAS APPEARANCE IN ORDER TO OVERLAP "THE MONTH OF THE VENEZUELAN ARTIST." ALSO, A FRENCH FILM CREW ENGAGED IN LONG AND LOUD NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIONS ON FILMING IN VENEZUELA THE MOVIE "SAVAGE."
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